



Canton City Schools 5th Grade Band
Clarendon, Fairmount, Mason Leadership Building
Mr. Timothy Stewart, Instructor

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Dear Band Parent/Guardian,

I am so excited that real instruction has begun. Thank you so much for your support and work getting your child ready for their lessons. Our first few lessons have been about checking equipment and supplies, making sound with proper posture and hand position, and reviewing music reading skills. It won't be long until you start to recognize songs.

Since formal lessons have started, it is crucial that your child have an instrument. It must be reiterated that acquiring an instrument by your own means is the best option. If you are still need more information, please contact me so I can try to assist you. Student's without instruments are significantly behind meeting their learning targets. It is not best practice that some students wait to progress while others "catch-up"

To meet my goal of school/home communication, the rest of this update contains some very important information. I am just as invested as you in developing your child to be the very best learner and setting them up for future success. I hope this information serves you well. Please let me know how I can improve our communication.

Equipment and materials checklist:

- ☐ Is your child's name and school visible on the case? Luggage tag or masking tape/sharpie
- ☐ Is the instrument in the case except when it is not being played? Keep it safe from **curious** hands.
- ☐ Is your child's name and school information on the outside and inside of their book?
 - ☐ Please note that the cover of the book is prone to coming off. Please do not throw it away.
 - ☐ If you need to purchase a method book, please contact me as soon as possible. The cost of the book is \$7.50. **Cash only please.**
- ☐ Do you have the necessary oils, greases and or cleaning materials?
- ☐ Do you have a music stand?

→ **Students should come to class if they forget their instrument to learn what they will be held accountable at their next lesson.**

Contact information

web: see CCSD Band is in the cloud (**Awesome**)

email: stewart_t@ccsdistrict.org (**great**)

voicemail or message: at your child's building (**may not receive it for several days**)



Stay Connected with CCSD Band

CCSD Band is in the cloud

- Stay up to date with schedules and events
- See what your child should have for band
- See what your child should be practicing
- See what achievements your child is reaching
- Access other web based sites to accelerate learning.



It's so

- Start at my CCSD Home Page based at Mason Leadership School
- From the CCSD Mason home page: scroll to the **staff directory** under the **About Us** tab.
- Find my name in the staff directory and choose **full profile**
- Scroll down and click **5th Grade Band Page**
 - ◆ My Canton City School District page opens; there is some information here
- to get even more information click the **Everything CCSD Band** link on the right side of the page.

Updated Schedule

Some changes have been made to the schedule to provide a more consistent and universal learning times. Please help your child remember their instrument and supplies on their scheduled day.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 4	Day 5
Clarendon	Mrs. Borland Students	Mr. Traikoff's Students	Mrs. Russell's Students	Mrs. Wilgus's Students
Clarendon	Mrs. Sederland's Students			
Mason			Trumpet & Trombone	Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone
Mason			Mrs. Picani Percussion	Kohler and Montgomery Percussion
Fairmount	To be decided			

The Canton City Schools 5th Grade band program is up and running and you are a part of it. I hope that your child has a lot of fun and learns valuable life lessons and skill sets for their future. From what I can see now, our future is "shining bright!"

Musically yours,

Mr. Timothy Stewart